









CHRISTMAS MAIL

An Unprecedented Rush of Business at the Post-Office.

The rush of people at the Post-office, intent on sending Christmas presents, is without precedent. Men, women, rich and poor, are in line at the registered mail windows at about the tables where addresses and stamps are put on ordinary mail. Each one has a parcel which he or she has carefully sealed and directed. The bulk of the mail is deposited in the Post-office prior to 3 p. m., and it is delayed in the city until the early morning mail train sets up steam. But it is that system faultless in many other ways is also to blame for many post office delays. The receipts of the Post-office for the past week have been 20 per cent greater than for the corresponding week of last year. The increase represents the improved condition of business and the ability of people to make presents which are more costly and numerous than last year. Although the employees of the Post-office are working overtime to work more than eight hours a day, the limit fixed by law, the clerks and their superiors are tolling their hands and feet in the stacks of packages which pile up mountain high behind the Post-office windows. The regular force is at work and all the substitutes and eligibles are employed steadily. Postmaster Casey introduced a new allowance for the payment of the substitutes. The department gave him what was asked, but the amount of business surpassed his expectations. As a result some of the substitutes are working overtime without pay, but they have displayed a hearty good will. The increase in Christmas business has been more than in any other first-class post-office.

POTTERS' FIELD.

A Bill Providing for an Addition to Be Introduced.

A bill will shortly be introduced into the House of Representatives providing for the establishment of a new Potters' Field. About a year ago the House of Representatives introduced a bill into the House, appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of sixteen acres of ground from the Crawford estate. The bill was introduced for the purpose of dedicating to this purpose, but the committee, it is said, upon the recommendation of the Health Commission, which was reported to have said that there was no need of a new Potters' Field, the bill was dropped. It is understood that Casey will soon revive the bill. Dr. Homan, it is said, will oppose it again, and will recommend that there is plenty of room there, he states, for this purpose, and will not be used as a garden to raise produce for the living people. Owing to lack of room it is alleged that sometimes the bodies of three or four persons are buried in the same grave.

BY ESCAPING GAS.

Michael Conery Was Almost Suffocated When He Was Discovered.

ATLANTA, N. C., Dec. 21.—A 19-year-old boy, who, as far as is known, has no special place of abode, was found unconscious in a vacant house at 1445 North Eighteenth street. He was removed to the city hospital. The house was found from partial asphyxiation. William Smith and Walter Smith, in passing the house, No. 1445 North Eighteenth street, were attracted by the odor of gas. They investigated and found Conery lying on the floor. It was found that the door had been closed and the gas had escaped from the furnace. When found the gas was turned on and the boy was not known whether it is an attempt at suicide or accident. Conery's condition is not dangerous.

SISTER'S CREDITORS.

An Approximate Statement Made of Assets and Liabilities.

At a meeting of the creditors of Henry Seiter, the insolvent partner of "Lafayette" held at that place, a statement was presented showing the liabilities to be \$247,000, with \$102,000 secured, leaving the actual liabilities at \$145,000. Calculations based on these figures gave prospects for a settlement of more than 50 cents on the dollar, but the creditors decided to give Mr. Seiter a further trial. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter. The committee showed that the operation of the business was not profitable and that the assets were not sufficient to cover the liabilities. The committee recommended that the assets be sold and the proceeds distributed to the creditors.

FORGED DRAFT.

An Unknown Man in New Orleans Signs Cousin Heller's Name.

Mr. Louis Heller, local representative of the B. T. Rabbit Soap Co., was surprised on Wednesday to get a telephone call from a man who said he had a draft on him for \$500. Heller said he had never heard of the man and that he had never signed a draft for \$500. The man said he was a cousin of Heller's and that he had been in New Orleans for some time. Heller said he had never heard of the man and that he had never signed a draft for \$500. The man said he was a cousin of Heller's and that he had been in New Orleans for some time. Heller said he had never heard of the man and that he had never signed a draft for \$500.

BISHOP THOMPSON DEAD.

He Represented Methodism at the Ecumenical Conference in London.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—Bishop Thompson, D. D., M. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died here today, aged 75 years. He was graduated from the University of Medicine, Philadelphia, with the degree of M. D. in 1888. In July, 1876, he was consecrated to the office of bishop at the General Conference in Louisville, Ky. In September, 1881, he was one of the delegates chosen to represent Methodism at the Ecumenical Conference in London.

Post-Office Robberies.

Post-office Inspector J. P. Johnston received reports as follows:

The post-office at Bensenville, Mo., was forcibly entered Wednesday night and the safe broken open. Citizens heard the explosion and rushed to the bank, where they found the safe open and the money gone. The post-office at Bensenville, Mo., was forcibly entered Wednesday night and the safe broken open. Citizens heard the explosion and rushed to the bank, where they found the safe open and the money gone. The post-office at Bensenville, Mo., was forcibly entered Wednesday night and the safe broken open. Citizens heard the explosion and rushed to the bank, where they found the safe open and the money gone.

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Into the River.

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Blow Out the Gas.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—Al Brayman of Highland, Kan., was found dead at the St. Charles Hotel. In this city this morning. He was found in a room on the second floor. The cause of death is not known.

NEVER HIS WIFE.

Henry Lehnardt's Alleged Discovery After Twenty Years of Married Life.

Henry A. Lehnardt, who married his wife, Mary, on the 19th of November, 1908, and lived with her up to September, 1928, is suing her for divorce on the ground of bigamy, claiming that she was previously married to a John J. Lehnardt, who was her husband and a divorcee. Henry A. Lehnardt had two children by his alleged wife, and was married to her for twenty years.

BLEW THE SAFF.

And Got Away With About \$600—Of course in Pursuit.

THEBES, Ill., Dec. 21.—Last night robbers broke into the home of a man named Saff and blew up the house. The robbers were in pursuit of a man named Saff, who was carrying about \$600. The robbers were in pursuit of a man named Saff, who was carrying about \$600. The robbers were in pursuit of a man named Saff, who was carrying about \$600.

WINTER SOLISTICE.

This is the Shortest Day of the Year.

This is the shortest day of the year, because it is the winter solstice. The sun is directly overhead at the tropic of Cancer, 23 1/2 degrees south of the equator. This is the limit of the sun's southward course, and hence in northern climes the days are shorter than in the south. The sun rose at 7:12 a. m. and will set at 4:42 p. m.

ALMOST A ROW.

An Exciting Meeting of Single Tax League Members.

As had been predicted, the meeting of the Single Tax League in the Fagin Building Thursday night turned out to be an exceedingly lively affair. According to some of the members, who claim to have been present, the meeting became divided into two factions, which locked horns with each other. The meeting was held in the Fagin Building, which is located in the heart of the city. The meeting was held in the Fagin Building, which is located in the heart of the city. The meeting was held in the Fagin Building, which is located in the heart of the city.

SOME FEMALE NERDS.

English Ladies in India Blame Away at the London Queen.

Only a few months ago accounts reached England of the shooting of a large tiger by the Maharani of Patiala, who will be better known under her maiden name of Florrie Bryan. Perhaps one of the best marks-women we can point to is Mrs. Henry Scannell, the intrepid wife of the Superintendent of the G. I. P. Railway Police, of the Bombay Presidency. Mrs. Scannell accompanied her husband on his tour of inspection in the Maharani's train. She was with her a walking-stick gun. These expeditions soon fostered a keen love of sport in her. She was with her a walking-stick gun. These expeditions soon fostered a keen love of sport in her. She was with her a walking-stick gun. These expeditions soon fostered a keen love of sport in her.

THE POWER OF MAGNETIC GUNS.

Col. W. R. King of the Engineers, says that the abilities of his big gun magnet at Willett's Point have been overestimated.

A recent paragraph in the Weekly, following a long newspaper story, stated that the big magnet had been found to deplete the compasses of ships at sea. The story was that the magnet had been found to deplete the compasses of ships at sea. The story was that the magnet had been found to deplete the compasses of ships at sea. The story was that the magnet had been found to deplete the compasses of ships at sea.

A Relic of Peter the Great.

From the London News.

An interesting historical monument has been discovered in the laboratory of the University of St. Petersburg. A wall of an old house that was built down in order to make a site had a marble slab let into it, and on the slab were the words "Peter the Great." The slab was found in the laboratory of the University of St. Petersburg. The slab was found in the laboratory of the University of St. Petersburg. The slab was found in the laboratory of the University of St. Petersburg.

The Novelty of It.

From the Washington Star.

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Interpreting a Proverb.

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Quatrains.

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During the Holiday Rush to go into details of such an establishment as ours.

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Congressman Bryan of Nebraska does see why the railroads need a pooling because the Union Pacific and Burlington & Missouri pooled in the Republican party, the Burlington & Missouri Louisville the Governor and the Union Pacific the Senator. The pooling law

on the whole agriculture is probably sharing with other industries both the burdens and the benefits of the general downward tendency of prices.

The trouble with these falling markets—whether produced by increasing the purchasing power of the coin by the by other disturbing factors—is

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where it is, 16 to 1 of gold, and if either  
metal is demonetized, then reduce gold  
to our silver dollars. This is an Amer-  
ican dollar now and forever."

PRINCETON, Ill., Dec. 11.—Ex-treasurer J. H. Henderson of Bureau unity has admitted a shortage of his accounts. He has turned over to his property, amounting to \$7,000, to the assistance of his bondsmen, and given personal notes covering a further shortage of \$100. His restitution is still \$3,000 and his obligations. He is not believed to have received any benefit from the speculation in the Chicago market.

Simple avenue, which had been labeled "diphtheria." Two notices were sent to the physician in attendance to the hospital department, one on Dec. 10 and the other on Dec. 13. The house was fumigated Dec. 13. In the meantime a letter was sent but in the meantime the delay. Headmaster Francis states that the department was overworked with work and that the house was fumigated in its turn as the community moved.

Saints cut only a small figure in the geographical names of New England, abundant upon the maps of the Southern States, save Virginia and Carolina, and they are to be traced over the rest of the country in four different languages. It is a little hard to find in any creek named Jones of Delaware, the name of the creek familiar to the river and if not to commerce.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL**  
Herbert Maucha has lately discovered in Meravia a number of stone implements associated with the mammoth. A remarkable feature of what appeared to be of human origin of stone is that it is associated with the mammoth.

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## DUPLICATE ON SUGARS. BREWERIES CLOSE. DESERVES A MEDAL.

Disagreement Between the United States and Foreign Countries.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN IT NO CONSIDERATION.

Pressure to Induce Congress to Remove the Differential and Restore Commercial Harmony, Especially Between This Country and Germany—The Matter Rests With the Senate—Washington Gossip.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Chairman Wilson of the Ways and Means Committee says no consideration has yet been given to further tariff legislation which would overcome the disagreements between this country and Germany, France and Austria as a result of the differential duty on the sugars of those countries. After the German Ambassador had made a vigorous protest against the duty, Germany closed her ports against American most products. Denmark followed suit and a general commercial warfare between the United States and sugar-producing countries has seemed imminent. Under these circumstances it was believed that Congress would take of the differential duty and thus restore commercial harmony.

Mr. Wilson, however, says that any step in that direction must be taken by the Senate, where the House bill for free sugar now pending under amendments. The Senate Finance Committee, in reporting back the free sugar bill, struck out the entire text of the House bill and inserted a 40 per cent ad valorem duty on sugars. No reference was made to the differential duty of 100 per cent against countries paying an export duty on sugars, so that the omission to mention it was not intended to have the effect of repealing the differential. The subject is, therefore, ready to be taken up whenever the Senate considers the free sugar bill, and Mr. Wilson does not consider it necessary to get up an independent measure dealing with the differential against foreign countries.

Mr. George H. Davis of Chicago, who is here to urge the repeal of the differential in order that German ports may be opened to American goods, has not yet conferred with Chairman Wilson or any members of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Wilson does not appear to be greatly impressed by the effort to have the embargo removed on American goods.

"When we have the Meat Trust allied against the Sugar Trust," he said, "there is hope that the people may secure some consideration."

Clark's Confirmation Recalled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Senate recalled its confirmation of the nomination of Charles D. Clarke for Judge of the Eastern District of Tennessee. Senator Harris stated that Clarke had been indicted by the grand jury of the Eastern District of Tennessee. He did not oppose Clarke until he found that charges had been preferred against the appointed Judge. The charges, preferred by a New York firm, were that Clarke's firm had accepted fees from both sides in a case.

Senator Bates corroborated Senator Harris' statements. The matter was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Capital Gossip.

Senator Quay and Representative Richardson of Tennessee introduced bills authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase blocks of Columbia Heights, Washington suburb, for a residence for the President, the total appropriation not to exceed \$1,000,000.

The War Department awarded to the Kilby Manufacturing Co. of Cleveland the contract for ten thousand gun carriages for ten-inch sea coast rifles.

Senator Hill is reported to have denied that he has given up the fight on the income tax.

Secretary Gresham selected a design for the George Washington monument at Washington, D. C., to cost \$1,000,000.

## Buy Yourself a Christmas Present in Our Custom Department.

If you want to fill the HABITS of your brothers, your uncles and your nephews with a lasting joy give them a good big blazer or a suit of clothes from our CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. If you don't select just the right thing or the right size we will exchange it after Christmas.

MILLS & AYER, Broadway and Pine.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Salvation Army to Feed 1,000 Poor People.

Brigadier French, commander of the Midland Division of the Salvation Army, reports that he is receiving favorable responses to his petitions for money or provisions with which to give a dinner to 1,000 poor and needy people on Christmas Day from 11:45 a. m. to 2 p. m. at 307 Market street, one of the local barracks. Persons who contribute are given tickets at the rate of one for 10 cents. This is done in order that contributors may know who are profiting by the center piece. Brigadier French is still negotiating for a place in which to establish a food and shelter headquarters.

## Christmas Display at Faust's.

Great crowds thronged the sidewalk in front of Faust's yesterday and to-day, the occasion being the magnificent display of game and Xmas edibles. An immense Rocky Mountain elk makes the center piece, surrounded on each side by deer. The terrapin and crab play a very live part in the exhibit to the extent of snapping at the spectators. Faust's seems better supplied this year with the "good things" for the palate than ever.

## Burial Permits.

Pearl Bennett, 7 months, 2365 Adams street; gastro enteritis.  
John F. Ford, 30, 1714 North Thirteenth street; congestion of brain.  
Catherine Seal, 74, Home of the Friendless, Seattle, Wash.; consumption.  
Adolph Klein, 24 days, 2305 Wisconsin street; pneumonia.  
George H. Wegner, 3 days, 308 North Eleventh street; convulsions.

## The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

## Marine.

GENOA, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Steamer Puerto Rico, New York via Naples.  
CHRISTENBERG, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Steamer Venezia, New York for Boston.  
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Steamer Campania, New York; Sagamore, Boston.  
A Louisville Innovation.  
New vestibule sleeping cars "Draw" and "Chester," drawing-room, Pullman's latest; now running via St. Louis and Louisville. Ticket office, 15 North Broadway and Union Station.

## Claim That the Syndicate Will Shut Down Two More.

Augustus Priesterbach, Secretary of the Beer Drivers' Union, is authority for the statement that the Phoenix and Excelsior breweries, operated by the association, will shut down early in January. Mr. Priesterbach was present.

"I am in receipt of information from malsters and other employees at these plants that the stock has been allowed to run down and that no more has been ordered. The force at each of these breweries is twenty men. When they are running at their full capacity each employs fifty men. The Liberty brewery has been closed for over a year and the Chouteau Avenue, formerly Schneider's brewery, has also shut down. Nine of the independent breweries, which went into the combine with the association in the lockout of union men on Oct. 1, 1884, are doing a good business. I think the stock will be sold and the boycott we placed upon them."

At the office of the St. Louis Brewing Association the statement of Mr. Priesterbach was denied by the general bookkeeper. Neither President Walworth or Secretary Block were present.

"I know that the condition of both the Phoenix and Excelsior breweries is satisfactory. The Chouteau Avenue brewery will not be operated because it has been decided to use it as an industrial school. The association is not making an effort for the export trade, and I am justified in saying that the boycott does not exist. Most of our product is sold in St. Louis. The force in all our breweries is at the usual winter complement."

## BENT ON MURDER.

Alfred Hug Breaks a Show-Window to Get a Gun.

Alfred Hug, 23 years old, a farm laborer who has recently come to this country from Germany, is, was sent to the City Hospital for observation as to his mental condition. Until a few days ago Hug had been employed by a farmer in Guernsey whom he thought had done him some fancied injury. He left his employer and came to this city for the purpose of securing a gun and a box of cartridges. About 9 o'clock a cat rifle exposed for sale in the window of Frank Gibson's notion store, 307 South Broadway, took his fancy and he went to purchase it. He broke the window and stole it. When an officer was called to arrest him, Hug fled and was taken to the City Hospital for examination by Dr. Priest. It is believed that his mania may be due to drink.

## WHERE IS PAUL M. SWAIN?

He Has Been Missing Since Dec. 11—Feared He Is Insane.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Paul M. Swain, a well-known business man who has for years been engaged in the merchandise business in New York, Providence and this city, is missing. He left his office on the morning of Dec. 11, ostensibly to meet some financial obligations in this city. He knew that it was impossible for him to meet this indebtedness, and instead of keeping the appointment, he went to New York, where all trace of him was lost. Half a dozen of the worst men about him were knocked down and severely injured.

## GAFFNEY BURNED.

Capt. Clegg Instantly Killed and Several Others Injured.

NEW MARINERSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 21.—While Capt. James Clegg, of a pipe line gang for the New Martinsville Natural Gas Co., was caulked a pipe under a thousand feet direct pressure, a gas leak burst, throwing Clegg nearly 100 feet into the air and killing him instantly. His neck was broken. Half a dozen of the worst men about him were knocked down and severely injured.

## Various Accidents.

Abernethy, a farmer, fell partly out of his buggy and was dragged to death near Portsmouth, N. H.  
Mrs. Anne Charles saved her own and the lives of two others from fire at Newark, N. J., by the escape of great beams, after being herself terribly burned.  
The "submarine" "Cannon Ball" from the Mountain Road was wrecked near Walnut Ridge, Ark. The engineer, John Stansbury, and fireman were seriously injured.  
Capt. A. Tracer was crushed to death at Winchester, Ky., by a wire-bow elevator which got beyond control.  
Liaman E. Wilson, San Antonio, Tex., was shocked while on a pole, fell seventy-five feet and was killed.

## PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FOR MATTHEWS.

Ruthlessly Stamped Upon by Indiana Congressmen at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—A movement to start a Presidential boom for Claude Matthews has been ruthlessly stamped upon by Indiana Democratic Congressmen, so the story goes here. The Governor's private secretary wrote to Mr. Matthews that the direct pressure of the House outlining the plan. It was to mobilize a thousand Indiana Democrats at Indianapolis on Jackson Day, Jan. 1, last, representing every county in the State. Senator Crocker and Senator Hill were to be invited to speak, and the Governor's boom was to be formally launched under the auspices of the Indiana Democratic Association. Matthews refused to accept the invitation. He was not in the habit of accepting such invitations. He wrote a letter advising against such a step.

## Political Drift.

Congressman-elect F. E. Downing (Dem.) has received the support of the local John L. Lewis for the Sixteenth Illinois District representation in the Fifty-fourth Congress.  
President Marion Butler has called the National Farmers' Alliance to meet at Raleigh, N. C., on the second Tuesday in February. A commitment to the late L. L. Folk will be dedicated there.  
Senator Ingalls says he does not expect to be voted for this year by the voters of the Territory. His Senatorial ambitions, he avers, are for 1887.  
Chicago grand jury indicted one police sergeant, six policemen and eighteen citizens for election frauds.

## AN ALLIGATOR STORY.

How Carl Johnson's Skull Came to Be Crushed by Frank Statist.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 21.—A strange story came from the Grand Rapids County. From early childhood Frank Statist has believed that an alligator haunted the lakes and streams around Harris Creek. The story was told him when he was a child and he grew up in the faith. Returning home in the early evening some time ago he was on the banks of Harris Creek, which he thought was the alligator. He shouted and threw stones at it, but it did not move. Then he found a fence and cautiously advancing, dealt the object a terrible blow upon the head. It rolled off the bridge and landed with a splash and a yell in the water. It proved to be Carl Johnson, who had fallen from a bridge and was killed. Statist, as soon as he discovered his mistake, plunged in and rescued Johnson. He shouted and threw stones at it, but it did not move. Then he found a fence and cautiously advancing, dealt the object a terrible blow upon the head. 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Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, regular price \$2.00; cut to

\$1.50



MEN'S PLAIN and Embroidered Satin Suspenders, regular price \$1.00; cut to

50c



MEN'S PURE Silk Suspenders, cord ends, regular price \$1.00; cut to

75c

## Perhaps Grandfather, Father or Son

NEEDS A NEW Suit, Overcoat or Ulster

If so here is, beyond the question of a doubt, the place to buy it.

Men's Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters. Every style, every make, made from fabrics that are dependable and fashionable, cut and made in correct styles in multiplicity of designs and patterns; each and every garment guaranteed by us to give the utmost satisfaction or you can have your money back.

CHILDREN'S REEFER SUITS, \$2, \$2.89, \$3.75, \$4.85  
CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS, \$2, \$2.89, \$3.78, \$4.85  
BOYS' ULSTERS, \$2, \$2.89, \$3.78, \$5.50

Buying follows the seeing of these matchless bargains as a matter of course.



Men's FANCY TRIMMED NIGHT ROBES. Worth 75c at 50c  
Worth \$1 at 75c  
Worth \$1.50 at \$1

Men's Elegant Fancy Silk Teck and 4-in-Hand SCARVES, 25c, 50c 75c, \$1

**SPECIAL PRICES.**

Men's Twilled Silk Umbrellas, Fine Natural Wood or Horn Handles, regular price \$2.50, for

**\$1.85**

Men's Union Silk Umbrellas, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Trimmed, worth \$3.50, for

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MEN'S 28-INCH EXTRA QUALITY Union Silk Umbrellas, fine imported natural handles, silver trimmed and opera horn handles, gold swags, regular price \$3.00, for

**\$3.00**

MEN'S 28-INCH FINE QUALITY Union Silk Umbrellas, best quality natural handles, gold and silver trimmed, worth \$3 to \$6, for

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Ladies' Umbrellas, in all the latest novelties in handles and best quality silk, from

**69c to \$6.00**

Our store a city of bustle and activity—a city within a city—a city under a roof—a city of marvels, inexhaustible resource, perfect system, obliging, conforming, careful, expert discipline.

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MEN'S English Plaid Coats, former prices \$9 and \$10, cut to

**\$5.98**

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MEN'S Fancy Plaid Coats, former prices \$4.50 and \$5.00, cut to

**\$3.48**

MEN'S PLAIN JERSEY CLOTH ALL-WOOL COATS, elegantly trimmed, former price \$2.50, cut to

**\$5.00**

MEN'S PLAIN COLOR JERSEY OFFICE OR HOUSE COATS, former prices \$4.50 and \$5, cut to

**\$3.50**

**LADIES' GLOVES**

Two Extraordinary Offers:

Choice of any \$2 Pair of Gloves in our House for **\$1.50**

Ladies' elegant Kid Gloves, 4 buttons, all colors, all sizes, styles absolutely correct, every pair guaranteed. Worth \$1.50, for

**98c**

**Men's Gloves.**

LINED, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$2.00.

UNLINED, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$2.00.

BOYS' LINED GLOVES, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

MEN'S SILK MUFFLERS, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

In order to facilitate prompt delivery we have put on several extra wagons.

**Men's Extra Quality Alaska**

SEAL CAPS, all styles, reduced from \$20.00 to... **\$10.00**

Men's Extra Fine Baltic Seal Caps, worth \$5.00, **\$3 and \$3.50**

Boys' Seal Plush Caps, Astrachan band, worth \$2.50, at **\$1.50**

Men's Elegant Stiff and Soft Hats, grand value at \$2.50, at **\$1.50**

Ladies' Macintoshes, all styles, all colors, from **\$2.00 to \$18.00**

Men's Waterproof or Macintosh Coats from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for Waterproofs and from \$5.50 to \$25.00 for Macintoshes.

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your feet will remain warm and dry if you wear

**Selz Royal Blue \$4.00 Shoes**

Made by Selz, Schwab & Co., Chicago, largest Shoe Makers in the United States.

and your shoes won't be "like boards" after a rainy evening. Cork soled, if you want 'em so. As easy as slippers—handsome and remarkably durable.

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**ALLOW US TO SUGGEST**

**BICYCLES** We carry an elegant line of Boys' and Girls' Bicycles and Tricycles at MODERATE PRICES.

**TRICYCLES**

**WITH ADJUSTABLE SEAT.** Our line of these goods cannot be equalled. Prices lower than other houses.

**SKATES.** We are right "in it" on ice skates, too, because we sell the celebrated Barney & Barry line, which needs no introduction. They are the ONLY Skates.

**WITH ADJUSTABLE SADDLE.** We lead in these goods. Better Finish, Better Material, and LOWER PRICES than you obtain elsewhere.

**VELOCIPEDES**

**SEWING MACHINES.** Here's where we knock 'em all out. An elegant high-grade Machine, guaranteed for 10 years, light running and quality positively the best.

**PRICE WAY DOWN.**

**FOOT BALL GOODS.** We are Headquarters for FOOT BALL GOODS and are the only house in St. Louis carrying a complete line.

**SWEATERS.** A nice assortment in qualities, weights and colors.

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See That Curved Blade?

**SPERRY'S BREAD AND CAKE KNIVES—The Best Made.**

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**CARVING SETS—ROBBERS—You can't get better. All grades. Call and see them and you will buy.**

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**CITY NEWS.**

Don't let the days go by and put off your Christmas shopping at Crawford's. This most popular house is thronged with the densest crowd of holiday buyers in the city, and all with one voice say that "Crawford's is the only Christmas store in town." Besides having everything on earth desirable for presents, Crawford's is now treating its customers to a clock sale, the whole of Max Judd & Co.'s left-over stock being now owned by Crawford's and sold by them at less than half the cost of manufacture. Store open Saturday evening until 10 and Monday evening until 11 o'clock.

Private matters skillfully treated and medicines furnished. Dr. Dinaberg, 24 Pine.

Dr. F. F. Chase, Sixth and Locust. Crown and bridge work.

**California Oranges.**

RIVERVIEW, Cal. Dec. 21.—The first car load of oranges for the season was shipped east from this city to-day. The orange crop has been slow in ripening but it is now rapidly getting into condition for the market. The crop is estimated at 500 car loads.

**A Fine Watch Free.**

With every \$10 suit, overcoat or ak and above we will give a fine gold finding Swiss movement watch. The prices are lower than elsewhere. Globe, northwest and Seventh street.

**DAILY FOR PARLIAMENT.**

**He and Other Alleged Dynamiters to Be Released From Prison.**

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Arrangements have been concluded between the Redmondites and the Government for the release of certain of the prisoners confined for participation in the dynamite explosion. Among those who will be released is John Daly. The Amnesty Association decided in April last to nominate Daly to Parliament as representative of the city of Limerick and at a convention held in that city on May 23 it was unanimously resolved to nominate Daly for Parliament at the next general election.

**Churchill in Poor Health.**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The friends of Lord Randolph Churchill have received grave news regarding the condition of his health.

**Gioielli's Calumnious Documents.**

FLORENCE, Dec. 21.—Sig. Tanlongo, formerly director of the Banca Romana, stated before the examining Magistrate that a calumnious report against Premier Crispi was found among the papers turned over to the Committee of the Chamber of Deputies by ex-Premier Gioielli and that the Ministry of the Interior, to which place he was delivered secretly the night time. A few days ago Sig. Crispi was received majestically said that Sig. Crispi possessed the fullest confidence of himself and King Humbert.

**Ahlwardt Out of Jail.**

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Rector Ahlwardt, the noted anti-semitic, has been discharged from prison, where he had

ing a term of three months' imprisonment for inciting to sedition a speech, which he made at Essen during the early part of the year. He immediately returned to a large audience.

**Vatican World's Fair Belies.**

NAPLES, Dec. 21.—Commander Newell of the United States cruiser Detroit, accompanied by four of his officers and nine sailors, will go to Rome this evening and deliver the Vatican police which were exhibited at the World's Fair to Mr. O'Connell, who will receive them on behalf of the Pope.

**Newspapers Confiscated.**

ROME, Dec. 21.—Three newspapers were confiscated to-day for publishing the proceedings of a meeting of the League of Liberty, an Anarchist society.

**Portugal Will Build a Navy.**

LISBON, Dec. 21.—The Portuguese Government has decided to construct a navy, and with this object in view the sum of 200,000 yearly will be provided for twenty years. The tenders will be invited from ship-builders in the United States and other countries.

**Jones County Calf Case.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 21.—The famous Jones County calf case was decided for the sixth time in the State Supreme Court, this time on appeal from Blackhawk County. The first appeal having been from Clinton County. The case began as an action for malicious prosecution May 21, 1893, and has been in the courts continually ever since. The original complaint was for damages of \$10,000 against the State of Iowa. The case is now sustained for the present action.

**PHOTOGRAPHY IN CRIME.**

**Impressions of a Human Figure in a Murdered Woman's Eyes.**

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The removal of the murdered Mrs. Shearman's eyes for a second photographic experiment has not been preceded with success. The eyes are covered with a film which prevented discernment of the figure seen yesterday. Various chemicals were tried to clear the eyes, but failed, and the experiment was abandoned. Coroner Bowers, Fred Marsh and Sheriff Jenner said to-day that they would take their oath that a human figure was plainly visible photographed in the eyes before they were taken from the head. It was expected to secure a photograph from the eyes with the hope of getting some clue to the murderer.

**Arrested as an Accessory.**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 21.—Silvester T. Kinsman, part owner of the mining claim on which Richard Newell was killed by A. W. Vanhook, has been arrested as an accessory.

**When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.**

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

**SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue and authority of a general and special execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, to the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, to sell at public auction, on the 23rd day of January, 1895, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, to-wit: at the Court-house, the City of St. Louis, Missouri, all the right, title and interest of the said John H. 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